

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF
WHEATLAND, CALIFORNIA
HONORING OCTOBER 2016
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence leaves an imprint of fear and hostility; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers, thereby affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in the city of Wheatland, adults and children are victims of violence each year; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland City Council is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

WHEREAS, Wheatland City Council is committed to restoring the right to freedom from fear in our communities; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of victims of domestic violence and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, in cooperation with Casa de Esperanza, Inc., I, Jay Pendergraph, Mayor of the City of Wheatland and on behalf of the entire City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We urge all citizens, agencies, and businesses to **WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**, to eliminate domestic violence and become a violence free community.

Jay Pendergraph, Mayor